made any enquiry in this matter through the Municipality or through any dealers in British Cochin? From where did you get this information?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We got the information through the officers there.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* Which officer, please?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I don't exactly remember that.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* Is it an officer of British Cochin?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, from British Cochin.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* So they told you that the price there is less than 10 as.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, we were told that the price is somewhere about Rs. 35 for 1000 leaves.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government get down some quantity and supply the people, just as they have been doing in the matter of food-grains?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Of course, if private persons require our help, we will try.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary Government):* Sir, with your permission, I may explain the position. First, I might just inform the House that it is the common experience of all Governments that the moment control is introduced, the goods go underground. That has been the experience of the Government of India, and of all Provincial Governments and all States who have introduced control on any commodity, and either the public should put up with the inconvenience or should come forward and declare before Government officers who all have hoarded the articles. The moment that information is given, action will be taken against him under the anti-hoarding ordinance. They should willingly do that or put up with the inconvenience. It has been the experience that whenever control is introduced, immediately the goods go underground and it is to check that that there is the anti-hoarding ordinance. Either the Hon'ble Members may declare where they suspect the thing has been hoarded, or they should just voluntarily or involuntarily put up with the inconvenience.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, there is yet another alternative of the paid servants of the Government finding out how and where these articles have gone to.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That they will do and they are doing also. We have appointed a special staff also for that work.

Mr. President: May I add that the paid servants of the Government are doing what they can. But they are a small number of people compared with the general public and in a matter like this, without the help of the general public what they can effectively do is comparatively little.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What can the public do in these matters? Prices have to be high. The price when it is produced is 10 as. and it has to be transported to a place 20 or 30 miles away. Wherever it is transported to, the same price is fixed. So how can anybody on earth get it at this price? How can anybody help the Government in this matter?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is not correct to say that the price at the place of production is the controlled price. As I already explained, we considered the cost of production and transport charges also and a fair rate has been fixed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the written reply from British Cochin on the table of the House that the price is 10 as.?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I didn't say, there was any written reply.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* In view of the discussions that have taken place, will the Government be pleased to revise the price?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The matter will be considered.

NURSES—TRAINING FOR

19. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any Nurses have been selected for training outside the State;

(*b*) where are they being sent for training;

(*c*) the particular purpose for which they are being trained;

(*d*) have Nurses been sent for similar traintng before to such places;

(*e*) if not, what are the special reasons for sending them this year;

(*f*) (*i*) the number of persons selected;

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(*ii*) their age;
(*iii*) qualification;
(*iv*) service;

(*g*) Has any complaint been received about overlooking the claims in selection?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Delhi.

(*c*) For higher training in General Nursing and also to undergo a course in administrative and Sister-Tutor posts.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Because Government of India have provided this year special facilities for the training of Indian Nurses.

(*f*) (*i*) Three

	Name	*Qualification*	*Age*	*Service*
(*ii*)	M. Padmavathy Amma	School Final	25	3—10—0
(*iii*)	Mariamma Thomas	S.S.L.C. (failed)	26	3—11—0
(*iv*)	Mary D'Silva	School Final	28	5—10—0

(*g*) No.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I have to make some alteration in regard to sub-division (*f*). The 3 nurses are not available and so they are not the nurses selected. Those provisionally selected are Mary and I. Devaki Amma, and they have not been finally selected. Probably they will be sent up soon.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: Are only two nurses selected?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: So far, yes.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: Are they asked to deposit any security?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: What is the amount?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Roughly about Rs. 2,000.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to inform the House of the number of seats reserved by the Government of India for the State.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Three.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know what is the necessity for the security of such a huge amount?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: This Government will have to spend on an average very nearly Rs. 3,000 on each nurse. So the Government thought that some sort of security is essential. Otherwise, on their return they may seek appointment elsewhere and we may not have any hold on them at all.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is any period fixed for their service?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Is it enough if landed property is furnished as security?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: When will the security be returned to these nurses?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: After 5 years.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the stipend given to them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: It is not stipend; all their expenses will be met by the State.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What will the expenses amount to?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Roughly it would come to Rs. 3,000 on each.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government require personal security or cash security?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: If it is cash security, Rs. 1,000; if personal security to the extent of Rs. 2,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether those first seletced did not come forward due to the high security demanded of them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: No, not altogether.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether these nurses will be placed on a better footing than the Italian Sisters?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: That question does not arise, Sir.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: What grade will they be given after training?

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Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* That is a matter to be considered then.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* What are their obligations for which this security is taken?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They have to serve for 5 years under Government after they return after training and after that period they are at liberty to remain in service or not.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: സെക്യൂരിറ്റി ഫർണീഷ് ചെയ്യാൻ തയ്യാറുള്ളവരുടെ എത്ര ആപ്ലിക്കേഷൻസ് കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ട്?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not exactly remember the number, but I think it is about 8.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: അവരെല്ലാപേരും സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരാണോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ എസ് പണിക്കർ: സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പാസ്സാകാത്തവരെ നഴ്സുമാരുടെ ട്രയ്നിംഗ്നു് എടുക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരേയും സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് ക്ലാസ്സിൽ പഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവരേയും എടുക്കാറുണ്ട്.

മിസ്സ് തങ്കമ്മ എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഇപ്പോൾ എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളവരെല്ലാം സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പാസ്സായവരാണോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അല്ല.

മിസ്സിസ് കെ ജോഷ്വാ: പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരെ കിട്ടാനുള്ള ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൊണ്ടാണൊ പാസ്സാകാത്തവരെ എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Do the Government pay any interest for this cash security?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes. They deposit the amount in the Central Co-operative Bank and they get a small interest.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have explained the reason why I have selected these two nurses. I have explained that though they have nearly passed B.A. or M.A. they cannot be and will not be selected unless of course they are prepared to give the security.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnakulam):* Were applications invited for this?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I sent round a circular, Sir.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സെലക്ഷൻ നടത്തിയവരാരാണു്?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Mother Superior of the General Hospital and the Chief Medical Officer.

NURSES—QUARTERS FOR

20. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are there quarters for nurses in all the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State;

(*b*) where there are no quarters for nurses, what is the housing arrangements provided for them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) The nurses make their own arrangements

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to answer to subdivision (*b*), that nurses are allowed to make their own arrangements, Sir, may I know whether the Government think that it will be conducive to the work expected of them at all times, day and night.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No. We are trying slowly to make arrangements for housing them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What arrangements have been made for the sisters at Mattancheri Hospital as promised on the floor of this House?

Rao Shib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As a matter of fact, I have been trying to get a suitable house for them. So far, I have not succeeded.

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